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SUBJ: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC

REF: A. STATE 73724; B. GENEVA 1243; C. USUN 2832;
D. GENEVA 5101; E. STATE 170963; F. USUN 2684; G. USUN 2503

SUMMARY: USUN ASKS DEPARTMENT TO REEXAMINE INSTRUCTION CONTAINED
REFTEL A. TO GIVE CONTRARY VIEW TO THAT ALREADY CONVEYED
TO UN, I.E., THAT USG DID NOT OBJECT TO DEBEUS APPOINTMENT
AND THAT MARTENS WOULD DEPART, WOULD FURTHER CONFUSE ALREADY
CONFUSING SITUATION. END SUMMARY

1. USYG DAVIDSON WHO IS ONLY SECT. OFFICIAL HERE FULLY
KNOWLEDGEABLE THESE MATTERS NOT EXPECTED RETURN TO NY
UNTIL WEEK OF APRIL 21. USUN SUGGESTS THAT DEPT MAY WISH
TO USE PERIOD BEFORE HIS RETURN TO REVIEW OUR ATTITUDE
TOWARDS DR. MARTENS AND DUAL POSITION HE HOLDS BEFORE
MISSION MAKES APPROACH AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL A. MISSION RECALLS
THAT USG WAS ORIGINALLY VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT MARTENS AND
PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN GETTING HIM HIS DUAL POSITION AS
DIRECTOR OF DND AND ACTING DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC BUT THAT
WE BECAME INCREASINGLY DISSATISFIED WITH HIS ACTUAL
PERFORMANCE IN BOTH POSITIONS. IN FACT, MISSION GENEVA
REPORTED THAT IT SHARED VIEW EXPRESSED BY SYG THAT HE
SHOULD BE REPLACED AS UNFDAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (REF D).
MISSION ADDED THAT IF THIS MEANT THAT HE WOULD ALSO GIVE
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UP HIS POSITION AS HEAD OF DND THAT THAT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT
TOO, BECAUSE THE SAME QUALITIES THAT MADE HIM INADEQUATE
IN FORMER POSITION MADE HIM INADEQUATE IN LATTER.

2. OVER AND ABOVE MARTENS' PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS WE
AWARE OF DEPT'S MISGIVINGS OVER HIS DUAL ROLE AND NOTE THAT
US REP TO COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS SHARED UK'S CONCERN
THAT ONE PERSON WAS HOLDING POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF DND
AND ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC DESPITE PLANNED
ORGANIZATION SEPARATING FUNCTIONS (REF B). BUT, SINCE MARTENS
HAS MADE HIS CONTINUATION IN OFFICE CONDITIONAL UPON HIS
RETENTION OF BOTH POSITIONS, RETENTION OF MARTENS MEANS
CONTINUATION OF PRESENT ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT.

3. MISSION NOTES DEPT STILL NOT ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH
MARTENS' PERFORMANCE ALTHOUGH IT HAS IMPROVED (REF A).
WE WONDER WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE PREFERABLE TO AWAIT OUT-
COME OF MARTENS' CURRENT CRUCIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH TURKS
BEFORE REVERSING OUR POSITION AND URGING HIS RETENTION
FOR ANOTHER YEAR IN THE DURAL ROLE ABOUT WHICH WE ALSO
HAVE MISGIVINGS.

4. PRESENT SITUATION IN UN IS THIS. AT END OF JANUARY SYG
WALDHEIM SENT NOTE NOTIFYING DEBEUS OF SYG'S INTENT TO
HAVE HIM, DEBEUS, TAKE OVER AS HEAD OF UNFDAC LATER THIS
YEAR (VIZ OCTOBER). DAVIDSON HAD BEEN INFORMED BY MARTENS
THAT HE DEFINITELY WOULD BE LEAVING ON TERMINATION HIS
CONTRACT SEPT. 30 WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT ALONG WITH DEBEUS
APPOINTMENT, UN WOULD HAVE TO RECRUIT NEW HEAD OF DND.
DAVIDSON SAID HE PERSONALLY REMAINED OPPOSED TO ARRANGEMENT
WHICH WOULD SPLIT HEAD OF DND AND UNFDAC INTO TWO PERSONS,
BUT SAW NO ALTERNATIVE AND WOULD PROCEED ACCORDINGLY SINCE
MARTENS HAD NOT WORKED OUT AND DEBEUS NOT UP TO BOTH JOBS.

5. COMMENT: WHEN USUN DID NOT OBJECT TO POSSIBLE DEBEUS
APPOINTMENT AT TIME MATTER RAISED BY WALDHEIM WITH US
(REF C, E, AND F), UN PROCEEDED ON ASSUMPTION THAT MARTENS
WOULD DEPART AND DEBEUS WOULD TAKE OVER REINS OF UNFDAC.
TO GIVE CONTRARY SIGNAL TO UN NOW WOULD, WE BELIEVE, FURTHER
CONFUSE AN ALREADY CONFUSING SITUATION. WE CANNOT HELP BUT
THINK THAT MARTENS IS USING USG FOR HIS OWN ENDS, I.E.,
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TO BUTTON DOWN PERMANENTLY BOTH DND AND UNFDAC POSITIONS
FOR HIMSELF. WE ALSO WONDER WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE BETTER
TO BITE BULLET NOW, SEPARATE FOR TIME BEING TWO POSITIONS,
PERMIT DEBEUS APPOINTMENT TO PROCEED AND CONCENTRATE ON
FINDING COMPETENT INDIVIDUAL TO HEAD DND. WE QUESTION
WHETHER PERPETUATION OF LESS THAN SATISFACTORY SITUATION
FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR SERVES LONG-RANGE GOAL OF BUILDING

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BETTER UN DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM. IF BY TIME DAVIDSON RETURNS
DEPT. STILL WISHES US TO MAKE PROPOSED APPROACH, WE WILL,
OF COURSE, DO AS INSTRUCTED. WE SHOULD, HOWEVER, KEEP IN
MIND BEST ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS OVER LONG RUN.
IN THIS SENSE WE AGREE WITH DAVIDSON THAT HEAD OF DND AND
UNFDAC SHOULD IN PRINCIPLE REMAIN SAME AND ULTIMATELY
THAT, AGAIN IN LONG TERM, THESE OPERATIONS SHOULD BE
COMBINED.
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